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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, BA, XF  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NIMEIRI EXPECTED IN GULF

1. AMIR TOLD ME MAY 28 THAT SAUDANESE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE A GULF TOUR, PROBABLY THIS WEEK. AMIR SAID THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF ANYTHING COMING OF NIMEIRI'S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A SUMMIT; POSITIONS OF MAJOR ACTORS STILL TOO FAR APART AND CHIEFS OF STATE HAVE TOO MANY INTERNAL PROBLEMS TO HANDLE. AS EXAMPLE OF LATTER SITUATION, AMIR NOTED SADAT'S ROUND UP OF JOURNALISTS AND IRAQ'S ARREST OF "HUNDREDS OF COMMUNISTS" AND PURGE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. AMIR SAID HE HAD MET WITH KING KHALED IN GENEVA -- BEFORE THE SENATE VOTE -- AND HAD FOUND HIM VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR REAL PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. KING TOLD HIM THAT SAUDI ARABIA NEVERTHELESS HAD TO PURSUE ITS PRESENT POLICIES IN THE HOPE THAT, SOMEHOW, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE ABLE TO RESCUE SADAT AND HIS FRIENDS FROM ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE. AMIR ADDED THAT APPROVAL OF AIRCRAFT SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA WOULD OF COURSE ENCOURAGE KING KHALAD BUT, STILL, IT TOOK THREE YEARS TO ACHIEVE EVEN THAT MUCH. HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO GET  
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ISRAELIS TO BE REASONABLE?

3. AMIR MADE HIS USUAL PLEA FOR FORCEFUL USG ACTION IN ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE AND HORN OF AFRICA. I POINTED OUT THAT WE ARE MOVING IN AFRICA, BUT WE MUST MAKE CERTAIN OUR ACTIONS ARE NOT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE: WE WANT TO REDUCE SOVIET/CUBAN ROLE THERE BUT A DIRECT US-SOVIET CONFRONTATION

WOULD NOT HELP THE AFRICANS SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. I NOTED SOMALIA'S ASSURANCES TO USG AND SAID, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THAT USG NOW MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER SOME HELP TO THAT COUNTRY. I ASSURED AMIR THAT USG REMAINS COMMITTED TO MOVING MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AHEAD AND, WITH SENATE VOTE ON AIRCRAFT SALES BEHIND US, I FELT CERTAIN USG WAS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH BOTH ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS IN ATTEMPT TO SET THINGS MOVING AGAIN. AMIR ASKED WHAT I FELT MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK WAS. I SAID I WAS NOT CLOSELY INFORMED BUT FELT THAT KEY POINT NOW IS ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF FACT THAT RESOLUTION 142 MUST APPLY ON ALL FRONTS.

4. COMMENT: AMIR WAS MORE THAN USUALLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT AREA EVENTS. THOUGH JUST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A MONTH'S HOLIDAY IN GENEVA, AMIR DID NOT SEEM RESTED. HE COMPLAINED ABOUT EGYPTIAN MUSLIM BROTHERS WHO APPROACHED HIM FOR MONEY IN HIS GENEVA HOTEL LOBBY AND SAID HE INTENDED TO TELL EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR THAT SUCH "LOOSE DOGS" SHOULD BE KEPT AT HOME.  
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